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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department– Guntur District - Allegations of irregularities on occurrence of breach of summer storage tank bund in the work – " Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District." – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departmrnt, Guntur District. – WSD submitted – Inquiry conducted – Charge I held proved – Imposing penalty of "Stoppage of one (01) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" under Rule 9(iv) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – orders issued- Reg.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.133 **Dated: 12/02/2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the CE, Lr. No. AE-2/DEE/VQC/NRDWP/CPWSS NUZENDLA/17-18,Dt:30.05.2018.
2. From the ENC, RWS&S, Vijayawada, Lr No.Vig(3)/RWS&S/41201/ 41201/2018,dt:31.10.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.302, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
4. G.O.Rt.No.304, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
5. WSD, dt:24.06.2020 of Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Guntur District.
6. G.O.Rt.No.820-821, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:14.09.2022.
7. From Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, D.O.Letter No.62/COI-RPT/2022, dated:10.05.2023.
8. Govt.Memo.No.41021/VIG-VI/2018, Dated:03/06/2023.
9. Explanation, dt:30.06.2023 from Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Guntur District. received through the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig.(3)/RWS&S/41021/2018, dt:10.07.2023.

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ORDER:-

As per Government instructions, Sri S.Kanthanath, Chief Engineer-II, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department was kept as enquiry officer for conducting enquiry and submitted detailed report reference 1st read above on occurrence of breach of summer storage tank bund in the work" - Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has forwarded the above enquiry report vide reference 2nd read above to Government and requested the Government to take stringent action against default officers mentioned in the report as per CCA Rules.

2. Accordingly in the reference 3rd read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Guntur District and others by framing Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 vide reference 4th read above for having failed to verify the suitability of soils, failed to allow 7km for borrow soils and executed poor quality work.

3. After examining the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the

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charged officer i.e., Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Guntur District received in the reference 5th read above, Government had appointed the Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority and M.Vara Prasad, Advocate as Presenting Officer respectively under Rule 20 (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges in the reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiry Report was received from the Inquiring Authority duly holding that out of three Charges, Charge-I was held proved. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer and requested to offer his explanation if any vide Memo 8th read above.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has submitted the representation of the charged officer on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, wherein he has requested to appreciate his defences put forth before Government and issue early orders exonerating him of all the charges framed against him.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and written representation of the Charged Officer Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Guntur District have decided to impose a punishment of "Stoppage of one (01) annual grade increment without cumulative effect", as per the gravity of proved charge, against Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Guntur District on the allegations of " Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District."

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of ""Stoppage of one (01) annual grade increment without cumulative effect"" under Rule 9(iv) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Guntur District.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri U. Mallikarjuna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Guntur District. (through Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Engineer-II, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department
The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Guntur District.
The PR&RD(Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER